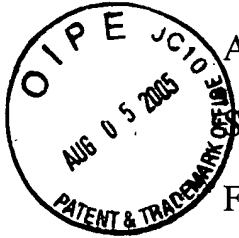


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2005 (a request for one-month extension of time is enclosed), in which the Examiner objected to Claim 9, rejected Claims 2-3 for allegedly being indefinite, rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 13-14 and 16-18 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that Claims 10, 11, 15 and 19-22 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 10, 11, 15, 19-22 is noted and appreciated. However, it is respectfully submitted that rewriting of these claims in independent form is not necessary as they depend, directly or indirectly on a claim, Claim 1, earnestly believed to be allowable.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: